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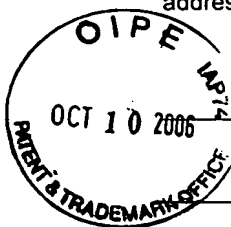
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Our Case No. 11333/35
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kaoru Asano et al.

Serial No. 10/810,412

Filing Date: March 25, 2004

For: Extraction Device, Analyzer,
Extraction Method, and Analysis
Method

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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this communication.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this communication.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this communication and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Support for Amendments begins on page 12 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this communication.

An Appendix including the amended drawing figure is attached following page 20 of this communication.